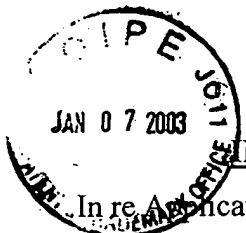


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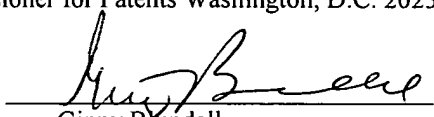
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following submission is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. As previously stated, Applicants elect with traverse Group II, claims 63-68, drawn to a product comprising a hedgehog polypeptide. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because claims 1-62 encompass overlapping subject matter based on methods and compositions for modulating cell growth. Accordingly, Groups I-II could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden. The Restriction Requirement additionally contained a requirement to elect a species. Applicants elect with traverse, and for search purposes only, Sonic hedgehog.